

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Prior attempts at solving this problem include ~~DYNESES™~~ DYNESYS™, manufactured by Centerpulse Company; CISAD™, manufactured by Mekanika Company; and Edwards rod sleeves, manufactured by Zimmer Company.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Dynesys™~~ DYNESYS™ is a posterior motion fixation system with polycarbonate-polyurethane and a central elastic cord. This device has several disadvantages. There is no sliding motion within the hook, screw or anchor relative to the ~~patient's spine~~ of the patient. The only motion occurs between the vertebral levels. The rod or longitudinal member does not change its orientation cephalad or caudad relative to the individual vertebra.